

## **Clinical or Community Partnerships**

### **Tarrant County College ADN**

*John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, TX*

This is a distance learning partnership. John Peter Smith provides a clinical instructor, clinical space and telecasting equipment to receive instruction via audio conferencing. The instruction originates from a classroom located within the nursing department. JPS admits ten students twice a year. Although optional, JPS has also chosen to set up a skills lab so that students do not need to come to campus for skills lab learning activities. The nursing department is responsible for providing instruction, maintaining the same educational standard for the distance learning program, credentialing faculty, and orienting adjunct faculty. On site visits are made to both the classroom and clinical setting to ensure that students' learning experiences are appropriate. Adjunct faculty are expected to attend course meetings, classroom instruction, and are invited to attend department meetings. It is the responsibility of the department to mentor the novice faculty.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** \$40,000

**Grant monies used:** no

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- allows JPS to grow its own RN staff
- TCC nursing department can admit more students without hiring additional faculty or finding more clinical space
- shared resources between the agencies reduces cost of educating
- clinical experts are used to teach students
- students admitted through this partnership are afforded a scholarship program through job benefits
- work/school conflicts are minimized for the student

**Challenges from partnership:**

- adjunct faculty hired by JPS predominantly come from the clinical setting. The need to provide mentoring and the education needed to help these clinicians learn the ways of academia challenge the department to find mentors and time
- difficulty in hiring credentialed staff to teach as clinical instructors
- anticipating the needs of their educational partnership in order to assist the department in meeting its deadlines
- the majority of expense was precipitated by the need to upgrade the audio conference classroom and telecasting technology

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## **North Texas Consortium of Schools**

Baylor University  
Brookhaven College  
Collin County Community College  
El Centro College  
Grayson College  
Midwestern State University  
North Central Texas College

Southwest Adventist University  
Tarleton State University  
Tarrant County College  
Texas Christian University  
Texas Woman's University  
Trinity Valley Community College  
University of Texas at Arlington

## **North Texas Consortium**

The North Texas Consortium of Schools, led by Dr. Poster at UTA, has been meeting several years regarding pertinent issues. The group worked with the DFW Hospital Council and AHEC developed the community standard for drug testing, background checks and a universal hospital orientation. Each school worked on developing projects for competency testing which will be shared with all Texas schools. TNA is working with the group in order to distribute the information. The Consortium has held three summer institutes for faculty development.

**Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership:** variable

**Grant monies used:** none

**Expected benefits from partnership:**

- schools have contributed for the summer institutes and for the development of the competency projects.

**Challenges from partnership:**

- none identified

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